(b) The posts are lying vacant from the dates indicated against eacti as under:

No. of posts '	Date from which lying vacant
1	1-12-1983
1.	1-8-1985
6..	6-9-1985
	3-6-1986

Out of these 10 posts, 1 post is not to be filled due to the recommendations of the Norms Cornmittee. The. posts are of direct quota which could not be filled due to the ban on direct recruitment.

(c) At present 16 Machine Attendants are working in Government of India Press, Aligarh.

Progress of IRDP

2257. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pieced to State:

(a) the details of the progress made mnder the IRDP till March 1987, Statewise: ami

(b) the (names of the plates where little progress has betjn made in the im-plementation of IRDP during Die above period alongwith the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVE-LOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) and (b) A statement showing State-wise physical and financial progress uradcj the IRDP during 1986-87 on the basis of latest available information from State/Union Territories is attached Appendix CXLn, Annexure No. 114]. It would be seen, therefrow, that progress made by the States is by and large satisfactory.

Enquiry into suspension of Mother *IMty* Employee

2258. SHRl TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a> whether it is a fact that; m. employee of Mother Dairy, Delhi had been on suspension for over 2 years but no inquiry has yet commenced and if s«, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the financial loss incurred by the said employee in this cases and whether Government propose to fix responsibility in the matter?

THE MINISTERIN THEDEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRl YO-GENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Deo and Uttaras Project in Oriec*

2259. KUMARI SUSHILA HR/A Will the Minister of WATER RESOUR CES be pleased to state:

la) whether Government are aware «f the demand of the local people of the district of Mayurbhanj in the State of Orissa for two irrigation projects namely Dee and Uttaras on the river Deo and Kha

(b) whether any survey WJ the said project; and

(c) if so, whal are the reasons for not implementing the said project and by when the work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF WATER R SOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARA-" NAND: (a) to (c) Only the Deo Irrigation Project report has been received.

The techno-economic appraisal has been completed for consideration of the Planning Commission. A provision of R;. 2 crores only has been made in the 7th Plan for this project.

Requirement of Sugar

tO. SHRI BASUDEB MOHA-PATRA:

KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

the Minister of FOOD - AND SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of sugar in the country is inadequate to meet the domestic con sumption;

(b) if so what is likely shortage during the current year and the rea sons therefor;

: he quantity of sugar imported ing the last three years^ yearwise; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to increase the domestic production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The sugar luction during the current 1986-season aggregated to 73. 10 lakh hes as on 15th April as against 76 lakh tonnes on the corresponding date last year thus showing ~an increase of 9. 34 lakh tonnes. The sugar. production during the current 1986-87 season may exceed the initial estimates of 75 lakh tonnes. The present overall sugar availability 'in the country including imported sugar stocks are adequate to meet the requirement of internal consumption in the current season 1986-87 and also provide a reasonable carry over for the next season. 415 RS—7

(c) The quantity of sugar imported during the last three years was as under:

(in lakh tonnes)

Year (Financial Year)	Quantity imported
1984-85	4. 85
1985-86	20. 22
1986-87	7. 95 (Provisional)*

-This includes imported sugar in transit as on 31st March 1987.

(d) The Government has already taken the following steps to augment the sugar production:

(i) Increase in statutory minimum price of sugarcane payable by sugar factories from Rs. 16. 50 to Rs. 17. 00 per quintal linked to 8. 5 per cent recovery for the current season 1986-87.

(ii) Announcement in advance of a higher statutory minimum price of sugarcane for the next season 198J-88 at Rs. 18. 00 per quintal linked to 8. 5 per cent recovery.

(iii) A rebate in excise duty has been announced for early crushing during October and November, 1986 as well as for late crashing during May and June 1987 on production in excess of average quantity produced during corresponding periods in preceding two seasons.

(iv) The free-sale quota of sugar has been increased from 45 per cent to 50 per cent to improve the viability of sugar mills.

(v) Under the new sugars policy for 1986-87 and for the Seventh. Plan period various measures for , development of sugarcane cultiva-tion and establishment of new capacity are envisaged.